

Combat Stress Winter Fair raises over £5,000

Now that all the money is in, following last November's successful fair in aid of veterans' charity Combat Stress, the HGS Combat Stress Winter Fair Committee was delighted to draw up a giant cheque for £5,123.00. It was handed over to Josephine Grace, Volunteer

and Community Fundraising Manager of Combat Stress, at a ceremony on Monday 16 February by fair opener and Denman Drive resident Martin Bell (former MP, BBC War Correspondent and author). The final sum also included the £450 proceeds of a subsequent charity green disc

collection at Waitrose, Temple Fortune. The ceremony took place in the small Free Church hall during a well-attended 'thank you' reception for everyone who contributed to the organisation of the fair including the many generous sponsors, stallholders, donors, helpers and committee

members comprising Gerlinde Crossley, Kathy Cunnold, Marjorie Harris, Norma Milner, Yvonne Oliver, Angela Phillips, Emma Rodwell and inspirational founder chair, Ruth Smith.

This year's fair will take place on Saturday 31 October at the Free Church Hall.



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Josephine Grace, Community Fundraising Manager of Combat Stress, dates the giant cheque

Library bookmarks

Last summer the Garden Suburb Community Library in Market Place held a competition that asked children to come up with a design for an official bookmark for the Library. The competition was sponsored by Funtech, also in Market Place, who run computer-coding classes for children, and printed the resulting winning entries. The winners, Maya Smythe aged 6, Celeste Chhibber, 11 and Maya Reiss, 8 were presented

with their bookmarks at the library by the company.

The bookmarks are free and available from the library for all to use. One of the library managers, Hetty Colchester, who judged the offerings of the young illustrators, remarked, "We had some amazing entries. The designs were fantastic and they are all on display on the library walls. It was very difficult to choose a winner."



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